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POWER OUTPUT APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF

<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u>

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- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference JP A 9-58295 is discussed in the present specification.
- 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference JP A 11-266507 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

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